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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-225996, dated August 24, 1999, together with an English-Language Abstract; and
2. PCT International Patent Publication No. WO 03/005877 A2, dated January 23, 2003.

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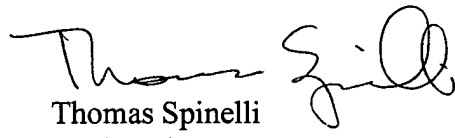
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Respectfully submitted,

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